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1. In 1952 production was started in the new, fully mechanized plant at Berea, (sic) Rumania, which had been built by the Russians. It produces carbon black, formaldehyde, formic acid, oxalic acid, and explosives.
2. A plant for producing synthetic tanning agents started operations in Pitesti in 1952. A factory for graphite electrodes started operations in Cluj in 1952. Silicon carbide and other abrasives are produced there.
3. The following plants have increased production: the Solvay plants in Ocna-Muresului and Turda, which produce Solvay soda, washing soda, sodium bicarbonate, sodium hydroxide, water glass, chlorine, and hydrogen; and the plant in Diciosanmartin for sodium hydroxide and synthetic fertilizer. Two sodium chloride electrolysis installations in Diciosanmartin have started operations. Two other electrolytic alkali installations are scheduled to be completed under current Five-Year Plan.
4. Chemical production is planned to obtain the following goals in 1955, the end of the current Five-Year Plan:

Product	Quantity in Metric Tons
Sulfuric acid	143,000
Sodium hydroxide	50,000
Soda	57,000
Synthetic fertilizer	70,000
Chlorine	5,000
Tanning agents	4,500

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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